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**“Hey, There!”**

## **Do You Want a Home on a Farm?**

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## WORK AND HOMES FOR OUR FIGHTING MEN.

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Q. What do you mean, work and homes?

A. Just this. There is a bill now before Congress asking for an appropriation of \$100,000,000, which, if passed, will enable the Interior Department to begin work at once developing cooperative farm settlements for soldiers and sailors in all or nearly all of the States.

Q. Who will get the farms?

A. Those who create them by working on draining, clearing, irrigating, and improving the lands.

Q. Will all get farms?

A. That depends on the amount of land reclaimed.

Q. Is this plan only for men who have been across?

A. No. It is for all of the men who have worn Uncle Sam's uniform in the great war.

Q. Where is this land located?

A. In practically every State in the Union there are large areas of this land. There is dry land in the West

that needs water, which can be provided by building dams and canals. In the East are large areas of cut-over or logged-off timber land, from which it will be necessary to blow the stumps and clear off the underbrush. In the South is a large amount of cut-over land and swamp land which must be drained.

Q. Could I get a job near my old home?

A. Probably you could. These proposed settlements are scattered all over the country, and it is planned to have one in each State, if Congress provides the money for construction.

Q. How about wages?

A. You would be paid fair wages by the Government while doing this work—just as good wages as you would be able to get in outside work of like character.

Q. Would I be enlisted?

A. No. This work is only for men who have been honorably discharged from the service.

Q. What kind of work is it?

A. The Government will have work of all kinds in connection with these settlements, from the highest technical and clerical positions to that of laborer.

Q. Now, how about getting a home out of this?

A. After you have helped build the dams and canals, or cleared the cut-over land of stumps, or built the ditches to drain the swamp land; after you have helped to erect houses and barns, built fences, constructed roads, and laid out town sites, built creameries, canneries, warehouses, schools, etc.; after you have, in fact, actually reclaimed the land, the Government will allow you to pick out one of these farms planted in crops.

Q. Does the Government give me this farm for nothing?

A. No. And you wouldn't want the Government to do it. The plan is to arrange for you to pay for your farm home in small payments over a long term of years, with interest charges at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.

Q. How about stock and farm implements?

A. It is planned that the Government will also furnish you with the necessary stock and farm implements, to be paid for by you in small payments spread over several years.

Q. Where will I get the money to make even these small payments?

A. You should be able to save the amount of the first payment out of your wages while working for the Government helping to build these settlements. The balance you should be able to pay from the proceeds from the sale of your crops.

Q. I think I should like farm life, but I don't like the idea of being too far away from other people.

A. It is the plan, if Congress passes the bill now pending before it, to build what are known as community settlements, each containing not less than 100 farm homes surrounding a town, so that you will have near neighbors, good roads over which to bring your produce to town, and a market for the sale of your produce within a short distance of your farm home.

Q. How many acres will my farm contain?

A. This will depend upon the location and kind of farming you engage in. For general farming from 40 to 80 acres each, live stock from 80 to 160 acres, fruit farms 15 to 20 acres, and truck from 5 to 20 acres.

Q. I don't know anything about farming, but would like to get a farm home. How will I learn to farm?

A. Competent instructors in farm practice will be stationed on each project to teach men like you just how to make a success of farming.



Q. You say that this plan depends on Congress passing this bill. Then, why are you asking me these questions now, before the bill is passed?

A. Because Congress has asked the Interior Department to make a preliminary investigation of possible settlements throughout the country, and also wishes to know whether, if construction of these settlements is authorized, the soldiers, sailors, and marines would be interested in securing work and homes on these settlements.

Q. Can I get any further information about the plan?

A. Yes. Fill out the post card on the last page of this booklet and mail it. It doesn't require any postage. Your name will then be on file in the Interior Department, so that you can be notified later if the plan is started. It is not possible now to say when this information can be sent you, and you should, of course, in the meantime not sit idly by, but instead accept the best employment that now presents itself. You are urged on your return home to get in touch with the U. S. Employment Service in your locality and with your local Council of Defense, both of which organiza-

tions will gladly give you advice and assistance in securing employment now.

Now fill out the post card on the back page and mail it. You don't have to put a stamp on it. Be sure and sign your name and write plainly. But remember that this means work. This is not a bounty scheme. It will give a chance to own a farm only to those who want to work a farm.

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Name in full .....

Home address .....

How old are you? .....

What was your occupation before you enlisted? .....

Have you ever worked on a farm? .....

Are you interested in this plan to provide work and a farm for you? .....

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What kind of farming do you wish to follow? State whether general, live stock,  
truck, or fruit .....

Would you be willing to take a job on some project if offered to you? .....

In your own State? ..... Anywhere in the United States? .....

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